

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 336, the Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016, had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING IVAN MARAS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivan Maras, a veteran, retired teacher, and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

When he was drafted by the Army during the Korean War, Ivan was permitted to finish his college degree before enlistment. In 1953, he left his hometown of Bulpitt and was shipped to South Korea, where he was assigned to serve in the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers. Earlier this year, the entire regiment was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for their valiant service and devotion to duty.

When Ivan joined the 65th, it was a unit of predominantly Puerto Rican soldiers that had been recently integrated. He soon found himself in the heat of the action on the front lines at Inchon, where he described the explosions to be "like the Fourth of July every night."

Ivan learned that some men in the regiment were unable to read and write, so he and others set up tents to start teaching. He then spent the remainder of his enlistment using his college degree to teach at a makeshift school established by the military in Korea.

After the war, Ivan returned to central Illinois where he worked as a teacher in Kincaid for nearly fifty years.

I am proud to represent soldiers like Ivan who go above and beyond the call of duty every day. I am honored to serve the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. Congratulations on this prestigious honor, Ivan.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MCKEE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County, California, are exceptional. On June 22nd, Sue McKee will be retiring from the University of California, Riverside (UCR) after nearly 25 years of dedicated service.

Sue is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Governmental and Community Relations at UCR

and she has worked tirelessly in that role as an advocate for UCR at the local, state, and federal levels. Her more recent accomplishments include securing funding for the first public medical school in California in over 40 years and relocating the California Air Resources Board (CARB) air pollution lab to the UCR campus. This new CARB facility, combined with UCR's existing related expertise through its Center for Environmental Research and Technology, will make Riverside the world's center for transportation and air quality research—and, in large part, this achievement is thanks to Sue McKee.

Sue is a wife, a mother, and an amazing champion for the Inland Empire. In addition to serving UCR, she has served her community by advocating for those less fortunate and mentoring the next generation of Inland Empire leaders and advocates. Sue serves as the Chair of the Riverside County's Community Action Partnership and is a former Program Chair for Leadership Riverside through the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. Sue also has donated her time to the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California, the Raincross Group, and the Regional Advisory Board of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire.

I have had the privilege of knowing Sue McKee for nearly 20 years. During that time, I have found her to be the best kind of advocate through her compassion, intellect, sense of humor, and her commitment to UCR's mission to serve its students and the region. I applaud Sue's service and I will truly miss working with her upon her retirement. However, her service and her achievements will have a longstanding and truly positive impact on our community.

JOE ADAMS RETIRES FROM KATY
ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joe Adams on his retirement from the Katy Independent School District (KISD) Board of Trustees, after serving 27 years.

When Mr. Adams attended his first school groundbreaking 27 years ago, there was nothing but prairie to the west of this brand new elementary school. Since the beginning of Adams' tenure on the board, the area has transformed into a booming, busy suburban district. The Katy ISD enrollment has also increased by 53,000 with 41 new schools opening under his watch. Adams fondest memories are standing on the stage at graduations and congratulating outgoing KISD seniors on their accomplishments. The residents of Katy have been well served by his leadership in helping ensure a strong education for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Joe Adams for his 27 years of service on the Katy ISD board of trustees. We appreciate your service and dedication to Katy.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INNOVATION CHALLENGE**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team from Red Rocks Community College on becoming a finalist for a second year in a row in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative way for community college students to partner with local industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Rocks Team tackled water conservation which has become a critical issue in the western United States as we tackle long-term drought and the demand for water resources increases. Cooling towers are used in large office and industrial buildings for air conditioning. Through typical use of cooling towers, these systems must discharge and then replace water to continue operation in a process called blow down. These students have worked to improve the efficiency of the blow down process through reverse osmosis, ion exchange, and various filter media which reduces water consumption and saves money. This advance is important for reducing water consumption and can be scaled up for commercial deployment across the country.

I congratulate the Red Rocks Team of Matt Armijo, Mike Fisher, Sean Kelly, Valeria Mokrushova, Danny Rogers, and their faculty advisory Jeremy Beard for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded yesterday. I was absent because my flight was delayed by the poor weather in the Washington, D.C. area. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call No. 334: NAY; Roll Call No. 335: AYE; and Roll Call No. 336: AYE.